

are over-crowded, others specialize only in certain groups, although a few are singularly in position to absorb, exchange or even sell surplus material (modesty again prevents me from mentioning a certain Pennsylvanian institution).

And before I climb the stairs to my ivory tower to continue identifying dusty shells, let me remind you, Mr. and Mrs. Collector, that an amateur is not "just an amateur" or novice, but one who loves his work or hobby, whether he be a so-called professional or not, and I would add that it was the widespread interest among many people who created the Curator, and not we few professionals who made your mighty big group.

(signed) A Curator

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## A NEW BOSTRYX FROM PERU

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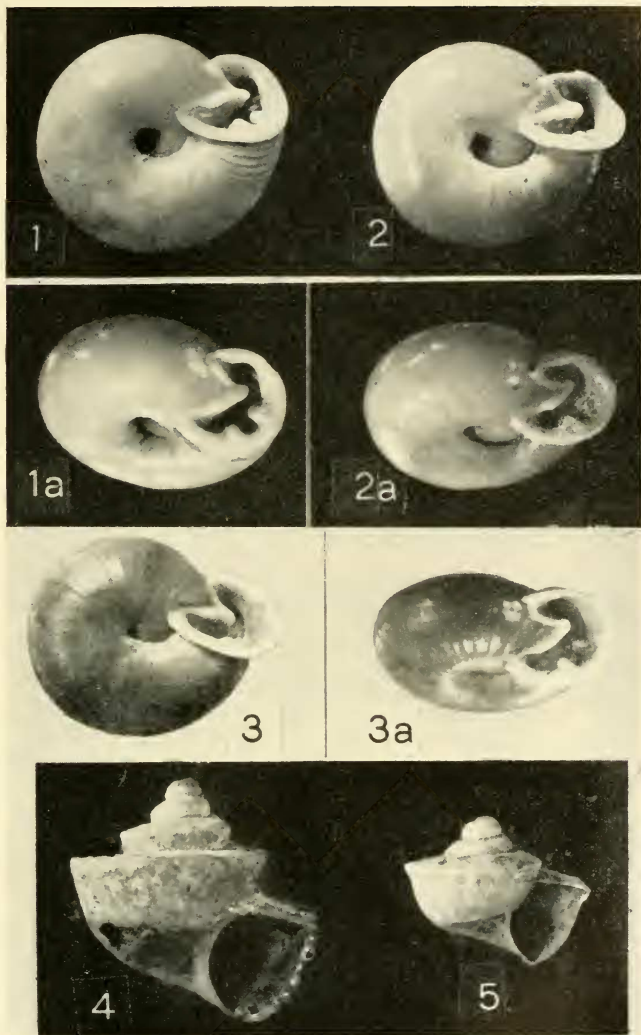
Some years ago a paper on the carinate Bulimulidae of Peru was brought out by A. A. Olsson and the writer. In the examination of Peruvian collections made by the geologist Mr. A. G. Fisher an addition to this peculiar series of land shells came to light. Four specimens of this species were found, all dead and more or less broken, but so distinct from known species that it should be described.

*BOSTRYX* (*PLATYBOSTRYX*) *FISHERI*, new species. Pl. 5, figs. 4, 5.

The shell is somewhat wider than high, openly umbilicate, the periphery carinate. The first  $1\frac{1}{2}$  whorls are smooth, strongly convex, forming a short, obtuse apical nipple. The following whorl is less convex, and the third whorl becomes flattened and carinate, the keel projecting above the suture. The last whorl has a flat, horizontal upper surface and strongly expressed peripheral keel; the somewhat convex lateral outline slopes inward anteriorly, and the base is strongly angular around the ample, funnel-shaped umbilicus. The aperture is subtriangular; peristome simple.

Height 5.6 mm.; diameter 6 mm.;  $4\frac{2}{3}$  whorls.

Peru: below Tarma on the Tarma-Chanchamayo road. Collected by Mr. A. G. Fisher. Type and three paratypes are 196550 ANSP.



1, 1a, *Polygyra tamaulipasensis* Lea, type. 2, 2a, *Polygyra polita* P. & H., type. 3, 3a, *Polygyra scintilla* P. & H., type. 4, 5, *Bostryx fisheri* Pils., type and immature paratype. All enlarged.